

Welcome to Westminster

We are delighted that you have joined us today and hope you will find a home here. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the welcome table in the narthex for more information about Westminster.

We have wonderful caregivers in our nursery who will lovingly care for your child and will provide you with a pager should they need to contact you. Our ushers can assist you in finding the nursery.

Parents who need to step out of the sanctuary for a while to tend to the needs of infants or small children can find privacy down the hall in the church parlor or in the church nursery.

Worship bags are available for preschool and elementary age children in the narthex.

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.

For more information about Westminster:

- Check out our website www.westminstercharleston.org
- Plan to attend WPC 101 a three-week information class held quarterly during the Sunday school hour.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Dr. Daniel L. Smoak, Pastor

Mr. Robin Zemp, Director of Music

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Mrs. Pam Smith, Preschool Assistant Director

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 24, 2017

11:00 AM

POINSETTIAS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:

Our wonderful family, friends, and church by Jean and Lance Lewandowski
The Wednesday Work Crew (Jim, Robert, Howard, Kevin, John, and Tom)
by Nancy Parrish
Carol Mattox by Peter and Karen McInnes
My children, English and Will, by Gloria Purcell
Pastor Daniel and our Westminster Church Family by Charlie and Meg Powell
Rev. Philip Beisswenger and his family at The Antioch Church, Coban, Guatemala
by Charlie and Meg Powell
Our grandsons: Ezra, Akiva, Chip and William, by Charlie and Meg Powell
All our church volunteers by Jill Lundgrin
Roberta Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard
“Ike” Eisenhower by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Judith Ann, Douglas Nelson, Rebecca Louise by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman
All our 14 great-grandchildren by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman
Carolyn Drose by Beth and Bob Georgen
Tommye Owen by Beth and Bob Georgen
Sullivan, Maddie, and Tad, her grandchildren, by Tommye Owen
Lillian, Paul, and Adeline Kriese by Betsy Williams
Two great friends, Peter and Karen, by Carol Mattox
Cliff and Liz Shelor, Caitlin and Emily Shelor by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Our granddaughters, Waverly and Allie, by Mike and Kaye Duck

POINSETTIAS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Gene Lundgrin by Jill Lundgrin
Arlene Peterson by Jill Lundgrin
Seab C. and Ruby T. Jones by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Norman W. Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Cleora and Darrel Hoffman by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman
Marion and Louis Waldvogel by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman
John H. Bowden, Beth's brother, by Beth and Bob Georgen
Mary and John Bowden, Beth's parents, by Beth and Bob Georgen
Our loved ones by Peter and Karen McInnes
Wesley, her son, by Tommye Owen
Elizabeth Skinner, her mother, by Tommye Owen
John and Beth McCarter by Betsy Williams
Jack Mattox by Carol Mattox
Kandy Akery, Matt's mother, by Natasha and Matt Akery
Trefor Thomas, Natasha's stepfather, by Natasha and Matt Akery
Loved ones in heaven by Pam Smith and family
Murray Nixon by Amy and Will Kuenzel
Ed and Jane Small by Walter and Carole Russell
Nelson and Margurite Russell by Walter and Carole Russell
Kristi Mikles by Kevin Mikles
Julie Leonard by Carolyn Drose
Fred L. Walters by Susana Comte-Walters
Rev. Mac McCoy by Sara McCoy
Rev. Dr. Stewart W. Yandle by David and Tricia Yandle
Robert A. Pell by Susie, Sandy, and Debbie Pell
Bill McSweeney, Sr. by Ruth McSweeney
Barbara and Jim Shumate by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Vera Terry by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Margaret "Margie" Shew by the Ramsay family
Gaylord George Austin by Mary and Randy Davis
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Davis by Mary and Randy Davis
Family by Rita, Tom, John, and Dave Livingston
Loved ones by John and Fran Ligon
Ed and Mary Overcash, my parents, by Lynda Higgins
Ed Bartos by Meredith Maki and family
John William Bruce by his Family
Travis Robert Baker, Ann's son, with love by Ann and David Morris
Charles Henry McKeithan, my grandson, by Roberta Morton
Evan Haupt by Ruth Haupt

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What Is This Lovely Fragrance

PAUL MANZ

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Camburn Family
Christopher, Katie, Emma, and Liam

Leader: During Advent, we ignite the wonder of expectation.

People: **Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**

Leader: During Advent, we look for the light that shines in the darkness.

People: **Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**

Leader: During Advent, we embrace the hope that enlivens the soul.

People: **Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**

Leader: During Advent, we welcome the Savior who beckons the world.

People: **Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**

Leader: During Advent, we rejoice in the One who has reclaimed the lost.

People: **Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**

(Unison Prayer) Gracious Lord, open our eyes to the wonders you have done, open our ears to the promises you have spoken, and open our hearts that we might become the people you have called us to be. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

◆ CAROL

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Congregation

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Judah, this blessèd Babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessèd morn;
The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessèd angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you afright
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

David Axon

◆CAROL NO. 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Congregation

HYFRYDOL

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Shelby Earnst

CAROL

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain
Sanctuary Choir

CAROLYN JENNINGS

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord!

He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth,
Hope of the nations, light of all the world.

He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a little child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

There is no Wee Church or Children's Church this morning.

Janie Bruce

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38

Amber Appell

◆CAROL NO. 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Congregation

ES IST EIN' ROS'

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming; from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright; she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.**

**This flower, whose fragrance tender; with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor; the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.**

Westminster Prays

Chut Moody	Kalaila Martin	Bob Bean
Lydia Crosby	Elliott Brouner	Sullivan Bull
David Keller	Walter Russell	Julia Moody
Joe Smith	Jan Erickson	John Linville
Speck Daniels	Dot Daniels	Frances McLean
Patty Snider	Martha Fox	Logan Gause
Mary Forbes	Terry Hall	Ryan Roberson
Emily Campbell	Charles Beck	Jennie Simmerman
Johnnie Harvey	Jack Eades	Mable Switzer
Roy Hoffman	Nekedra Lumar	Buck Morris
Sue Johnson	James Ella Collins	Dan Mills
Simms Daniels	Daniel Harms	Greg Kears
Eleanor Grayson	Jeff Wallace	Diane Fitzgibbon
Anne Powell	Judy Family	Betsy Williams
Charlie Reeves	Cliff Shelor	David Kerr
William Kerr	Jennifer Morgan	Larry Salley
Susana-Comte Walters	Steve Varn	Wayne Hansel

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH!

Thank you to those who have made financial commitments for 2018! We have received 148 pledges totaling 551,478. Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your commitment card (they are available in the fellowship pads and in the narthex), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or by mailing it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in 2017- even as we look forward to fruitful ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

DECEMBER 31, 2017 VISIT TO HEARTLAND!

The preschool and elementary Sunday School classes spend time with our neighbors at Heartland on fifth Sundays. They sing, pray, read scripture, and spend time together with our friends next door! Since Sunday School classes are not meeting December 31, this would be a wonderful opportunity for our whole church family to go next door! Please plan to meet in the Prayer Garden at 9:55 am and walk next door with us. All ages are welcome! If you have questions, contact Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005.

BREAKING BREAD GROUPS

A chance to get to know church members outside your normal group while sharing a meal! Pick one of these: 1) Adults dining out 2) Adults dining in homes (rotate) 3) Families dining in homes (rotate) There is a sign up sheet in the breezeway. Contact Hilary Parrish, hilary.parrish@gmail.com or Carol Patrick cspatrick@comcast.net with questions. Groups will start meeting after the New Year.

2017 YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the church's fiscal year, please be aware that the church books will close on December 31, 2017. In order to receive credit for the 2017 tax year please make sure all 2017 contributions are received in worship on Sunday, December 31, at 11:00 am or that they are postmarked on or before December 31, 2017. Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Westminster. Through your faithful giving we have accomplished many wonderful things together in 2017 and will continue to do so in 2018. If you have any questions please contact Anne Camburn at 843-766-8311 or acamburn@westminstercharleston.org

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26.

◆PRAYER

Daniel Smoak

◆CAROL NO. 134

Joy to the World
Congregation

Antioch

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains; repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow; far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness; and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

◆BENEDICTION

Daniel Smoak

◆POSTLUDE

Voluntary on an Old French Carol

LEON ROGUES

◆Those who are able, please stand.

Acolyte's are Charlotte Griggs and Emily Shelor.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

December 24 5:00 pm

A Christmas Eve Service for Families with Young Children
*All who want to participate will have a part in recreating the nativity.
An offering for Thornwell will be received.*

December 24 7:00 pm

Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
*A more reflective service of worship on the eve of our Savior's birth.
An offering for Thornwell will be received.*

December 31 11:00 am

The First Sunday of Christmas
Morning Worship; Jerry Hallman, Guest Preacher.
One service only; Sunday School does not meet.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

Norman Hook

◆CAROL NO. 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Congregation

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all; to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Carole Russell

CAROL

Christmas Peace
Sanctuary Choir

JOEL RANEY

Dona nobis pacem. Born a child to grant us peace.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Starlight shines in the evening sky, while Mary sings a lullaby,
Peace on earth, good will for all. Hope is born in a manger stall.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

